



# *Little Lake City School District*

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Dean C. Logan, Registrar of Voters  
County of Los Angeles Registrar of Voters  
12400 Imperial Highway  
Norwalk, CA 90650

Lori Glasgow, Executive Officer/ Clerk of the Board,  
Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles County  
500 W. Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Little Lake City School District June 5, 2018 Parcel Tax Election

Enclosed please find the Little Lake City School District Board of Education RESOLUTION NO. 18-098 "RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LITTLE LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT CALLING FOR A JUNE 5, 2018 ELECTION TO RENEW AN EDUCATION AND PARCEL TAX" adopted on February 27, 2018 calling for a June 5, 2018 parcel tax.

Please note that the Resolution contains the 75-word ballot measure shown as Exhibit A.

The Resolution also contains a Full Ballot Text, shown as Exhibit B of the Resolution, which shall be printed in the Sample Ballot/Voter Pamphlet.

By this letter we are formally requesting to review a proof of the ballot statement language, the full text of the ballot proposition, and ballot arguments that would appear in the voter pamphlet prior to publishing. Please direct this proof to the undersigned as soon as it is available.

The District would like to request the letter "LL" for a measure's designation, and that it not be assigned the letters "F", "N" or "O".

We would be more than happy to provide you with the Resolution, the 75-word statement, or the Full Ballot Text electronically in order to facilitate your work, or to assist with this process in any other manner.

This letter also authorizes you to contact David Casnocha of Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, our bond counsel, at (415) 283-2241 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Crean".

William Crean  
Superintendent

Enclosure

cc: David G. Casnocha



# Los Angeles County Office of Education

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March 5, 2018

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Mr. Dean C. Logan  
Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk  
Elections Office  
12400 East Imperial Highway  
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Attn: Alex Olvera, Election Preparation

Dear Mr. Logan:

At the request of the Little Lake City School District (SD), we hereby forward Resolution #18-098, along with the County Superintendent's Order of Election for a parcel tax election to be held on June 5, 2018, in the Little Lake City SD.

Should you have questions regarding the above or require additional information, please contact me at (562) 922-6131.

Sincerely,

Keith D. Crafton, Director  
Business Advisory Services

KDC/AD/EH:ah

Enclosures

cc: Dr. William Crean, Little Lake City SD  
Dr. Candi Clark, Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE)  
Mr. Jeff Young, LACOE  
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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION**

**ORDER OF PARCEL TAX ELECTION  
IN THE LITTLE LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**ON JUNE 5, 2018**

Pursuant to Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution, Education Code §5361 and §5325, and Government Code §50075 *et seq.*, it is hereby ordered by the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools that an election be conducted within the boundaries of the Little Lake City School District (SD) on June 5, 2018.

The subject election will be conducted for the purpose of renewing the authorization of the levy of a qualified tax of \$48 annually on any parcel of land, which lies wholly or partially within the Little Lake City SD. This parcel tax shall be levied in each fiscal year for not more than five (5) years. There is a special condition in this parcel tax for contiguous parcels, as defined by the rules and regulations of the Little Lake City SD Board of Education. No proceeds from this parcel tax shall be used for administrators' salaries nor benefits. There is also an exemption from this special parcel tax for senior citizens and the disabled.

The proceeds of the special parcel tax shall be authorized to be used to: (a) maintain up-to-date textbooks and instructional materials in English, math, science, and history; (b) improve classroom technology; (c) continue funding for art and music programs; (d) keep school facilities clean, safe, and well-maintained; and (e) make upgrades to facilities.

The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (Registrar-Recorder) will perform all the duties incident to the preparation for and holding of the above-mentioned election. The Little Lake City SD will pay the costs of the election. The Registrar-Recorder will canvass the returns of the election. All matters pertaining to the conduct of this election shall be under the provisions of the appropriate sections of the Education and Election Codes.

DEBRA DUARDO, M.S.W., Ed.D.  
Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools

By: \_\_\_\_\_

*Keith D. Crafton*  
Keith D. Crafton, Director  
Business Advisory Services

March 5, 2018

Resolution # 18-098

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OF THE LITTLE LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CALLING AN ELECTION FOR VOTER  
APPROVAL TO RENEW AN EDUCATION PARCEL TAX

WHEREAS, the Little Lake City School District (the "District") is devoted to providing high quality K-8 public education for local students; and,

WHEREAS, the District has implemented a number of changes to generate sufficient funds for its education programs, including initiation of local fund-raising efforts; and,

WHEREAS, property values within the District are related to the quality of education available in the District's public schools; and,

WHEREAS, the District's primary funding comes from the State of California and other sources which are inadequate to provide the level of support to the District's educational programs that the residents of the District expect and the students need; and,

WHEREAS, in 2012 the voters of the District approved an education parcel tax ("Measure TT") for a period of five years; and,

WHEREAS, Article XIII A, Section 4 of the California Constitution and Sections 50075 et seq., of the California Government Code permit a school district to propose the adoption of a special tax for specified purposes and to levy an education parcel tax following approval by at least two-thirds of the voters voting upon the proposition; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the District proposes to continue the levy of an education parcel tax upon parcels of land within the District for the purposes set forth in this Resolution; and,

WHEREAS, the annual appropriations limit of the District should be raised concurrently to allow the District to expend the amount raised by said tax; and,

WHEREAS, the Board desires to renew its local education parcel tax because the revenues of such can only benefit local District schools and cannot be taken by the State of California or other school districts; and,

WHEREAS, such renewal will maintain and preserve all exemptions to Measure TT, without further applications being required from those eligible persons;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Little Lake City School District as follows:

Section 1. This Board of Education (the "Board") finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. This Board hereby proposes to renew the levy of an education parcel tax to be used to:

- (a) maintain up-to-date text books and instructional materials in English, math, science and history;
- (b) improve classroom technology;
- (c) continue funding art and music programs;
- (d) keep schools facilities clean, safe and well-maintained; and
- (e) make facility upgrades.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL ANY OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE EDUCATION PARCEL TAX BE USED FOR ADMINISTRATORS' SALARIES OR BENEFITS.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 50075.1 the Board determines that the proceeds of the education parcel tax shall only be applied for the purposes stated above.

Section 3. The education parcel tax shall be a special tax of \$48 per year assessed against each Parcel, commence on July 1, 2018 and shall continue for five years from that date, expiring on June 30, 2023.

As used herein, the term "Parcel" means any parcel of land which lies wholly or partially within the boundaries of the District, for which the Assessor/Tax Collector of Los Angeles County issues a separate tax bill for *ad valorem* property taxes, provided, however, that any such parcels which are (i) contiguous, and (ii) used solely for owner-occupied, single-family residential purposes, and (iii) held under identical ownership, may, by annually submitting an application of the owners thereof by June 15 of any year to the District be treated as a single parcel for purposes of the levy of this education parcel tax. The education parcel shall be levied in each fiscal year for five (5) full years following voter approval of the tax.

Section 4. Subject to voter approval as set forth below, the existing education parcel tax, which will expire on June 30, 2018 shall be renewed for five years starting from July 1, 2018. The tax shall be collected with, and in the same manner and subject to the same interest and penalties as, general *ad valorem* taxes collected by the Los Angeles County Tax Collector. In accordance with the requirements of Government Code Section 50075.3, the District shall create a separate account into which the proceeds of the special tax shall be deposited.

Section 5. The levy and collection of the parcel tax is not intended to decrease or offset any increase in local, state or federal government funding sources that would otherwise be available to the District at any time during which the parcel tax may be levied. In the event that the levy and collection of the parcel tax does have such an effect, the District shall reduce the parcel tax levy to the extent of any such decrease or offset. Additionally, any persons who are the owner of a Parcel used solely for owner-occupied, single-family residential purposes, and either (a) 65 years of age or older on or before June 30 of the fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year in which the tax should apply, or (b) receiving Supplemental Security Income for a disability regardless of age, or (c) receiving Social Security Disability Insurance benefits, regardless of age, whose yearly income does not exceed 250 percent of the 2012 federal poverty guidelines issued by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, may obtain an exemption from the levy of the high quality education renewal parcel tax, by submitting to the District an application of such owners or persons, prior to June 15 of any year.

Persons who currently receive an exemption from the District's Measure TT parcel tax, shall automatically qualify for an exemption from this renewal without needing to file a new application for that exemption.

The District may establish administrative procedures to periodically verify the continued qualification of any previously granted exemption.

Section 6. This Board shall provide in each year (pursuant to Section 7902.1 of the Government Code) for any increase in the District's appropriation limit as shall be necessary to ensure that proceeds of the educational parcel tax may be spent for the authorized purposes set forth in Section 2 above and Section 7 below.

Section 7. This Board hereby requests that the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters submit the following measure, attached hereto as Exhibit B, to the voters of the District and to print the entire Full Ballot Text in the ballot pamphlet to be published and mailed for the election scheduled for Tuesday, June 5, 2018:

The District's Superintendent, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to make any changes to the text of the measure, or to the abbreviated form of the measure, as may be convenient or necessary to comply with the intent of this Resolution, the requirements of elections officials, and requirements of law.

Section 8. The measure set forth in Section 7 shall be submitted to the voters of the District at an election to be held on June 5, 2018. If approved by at least two-thirds of the voters voting on the Measure, the measure shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

Section 9. This Resolution shall stand as the order to the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters to call an election within the boundaries of the District on November 6, 2012. This Board requests that the District election be consolidated with any and all elections to be held within the boundaries of the District on June 5, 2018. Pursuant to Elections Code

Section 10403 the Board acknowledges that the consolidation election will be held and conducted in the manner prescribed in Elections Code Section 10408.

Section 10. The Board hereby requests that the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters, or other appropriate election official of the County, take all actions which are necessary or appropriate in connection with the election, including, but not limited to, printing and mailing sample ballots, arguments and applications for absentee ballots, canvassing election returns and certifying the results of the election to the Board. The Board hereby agrees to reimburse Los Angeles County in full for any services performed by the County for the District upon presentation of an invoice to the District.

Section 11. The Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to deliver a copy of this Resolution to the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools no later than March 5, 2018, and the Registrar of Voters/Elections Department of Los Angeles County, as well as the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County, not later than March 9, 2018, and to give notice of the election by causing to be published a copy of this Resolution in a local newspaper of general circulation within the District once, not later than 15 days before the date of the election. The Secretary of the Board is hereby further authorized and directed to post a copy of this Resolution on or near the doors of the District Office and in three public places within the District for at least two weeks before the date of the election.

Section 12. If any section, subsection, phrase or clause of this Resolution is for any reason found to be invalid, such section, subsection, phrase or clause shall be severed from, and shall not affect the validity of, all remaining portions of this Resolution which can be given effect without the severed portion.

Section 13. The members of the Board are hereby authorized, but not directed, to prepare and file with the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters/Elections Department, a ballot argument in favor of the proposition contained in Exhibits A and B hereof, within the time established by such Department.

Section 14. Subject to two-thirds approval of the voters, the qualified special education parcel tax shall be collected by the Los Angeles County Tax Collector at the same time and manner and shall be subject to the same penalties as *ad valorem* property taxes collected by the Tax Collector. The tax shall bear interest at the same rate for unpaid *ad valorem* property taxes until paid.

Section 15. The Board shall provide in each year (pursuant to Section 7902.1 of the Government Code) for any increase in the District's appropriations limit as shall be necessary to ensure that proceeds of the qualified special tax may be spent for the authorized purposes.

Section 16. Subject to two-thirds voter approval and prior to adoption of a resolution levying the qualified special tax in any given year, this Board shall conduct a public hearing on the matter. Notice of the time, date, and place of hearing shall be published pursuant to California Government Code Section 54954.4(b)(1). Following said hearing this Board may adopt a resolution fixing the amount of tax to be raised and the rates for each type of property.

Any tax levied shall become a lien upon the properties against which taxes are assessed and collectible.

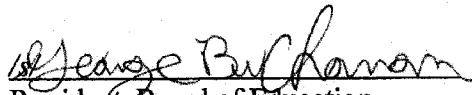
Section 17. The Board shall, pursuant to Government Code Section 50075.3, file an annual report as provided herein accounting for the education tax revenues collected and the manner in which they have been spent.

Section 18. The officers of the District are, and each of them acting alone is, hereby directed to take such other actions and to execute such other documents as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this Resolution.

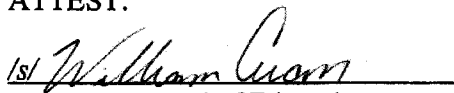
Section 19. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 10400 the Board requests the governing body of any such other political subdivision, or any officer otherwise authorized by law, to partially or completely consolidate such election and to further provide that the canvass be made by any body or official authorized by law to canvass the returns of the election, and that the Board consents to such consolidation.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Education of the Little Lake City School District at a regular meeting held on February 27, 2018 by the following vote:

AYES:	<u>5</u>
NOES:	<u>0</u>
ABSTAIN:	<u>0</u>
ABSENT:	<u>0</u>

  
President, Board of Education  
Little Lake City School District

ATTEST:

  
Secretary, Board of Education  
Little Lake City School District



## EXHIBIT A

The abbreviated text of the ballot proposition with respect to the foregoing measure shall read as follows:

"To provide upgrades to facilities, keep schools clean, safe and well-maintained, improve classroom technology, maintain up-to-date textbooks, instructional materials in English, math, science, history, continue funding art/music programs and provide local funding that the State can't take away, shall Little Lake City School District renew, without increasing, its expiring voter approved tax raising \$370,000 annually through a \$48 per parcel tax for five years with independent oversight, no funds for administrators' salaries and a senior citizen exemption?"

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

## EXHIBIT B

### *LITTLE LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT Education Funding Measure*

#### INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

To provide upgrades to facilities, keep schools clean, safe and well-maintained, improve classroom technology, maintain up-to-date textbooks, instructional materials in English, math, science, history, continue funding art/music programs, the Little Lake City School District proposes to renew its education parcel tax for a period of five years, beginning July 1, 2018, at the rate of \$48 per year, on each assessor's parcel located within the Little Lake City School District, with an exemption available for senior citizens and recipients of SSI for a disability, and to implement accountability measures in connection with the temporary levy to ensure the funds are used to:

- maintain up-to-date textbooks and instructional materials in English, math, science and history;
- improve classroom technology;
- continue funding for art and music programs;
- keep schools facilities clean, safe and well-maintained; and
- make upgrade to facilities.

The proceeds of the education parcel tax shall be deposited into a separate account created by the District.

#### DEFINITION OF "PARCEL"

For purposes of this special tax, the term "Parcel" means any parcel of land which lies wholly or partially within the boundaries of the Little Lake City School District, that receives a separate tax bill for *ad valorem* property taxes from the Los Angeles County Assessor/Tax Collector. All property that is otherwise exempt from or upon which are levied no *ad valorem* property taxes in any year shall also be exempt from the education parcel tax in such year.

For purposes of this education parcel tax, any such "Parcels" which are (i) contiguous, and (ii) used solely for owner-occupied, single-family residential purposes, and (iii) held under identical ownership may, by submitting an application of the owners thereof by June 15 of each year to the District, be treated as a single "parcel" for purposes of the levy of the education parcel tax.

#### EXEMPTION FOR SENIORS AND SSI RECIPIENTS

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 50079 (b)(1), any owner of a Parcel used solely for owner-occupied, single-family residential purposes and who are either (a) 65 years of age or older on or before June 30 of the fiscal year immediately preceding the year

in which the tax would apply, or (b) persons receiving Supplemental Security Income for a disability, regardless of age, or (c) receiving Social Security Disability Insurance benefits, regardless of age, whose yearly income does not exceed 250 percent of the 2012 federal poverty guidelines issued by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, may obtain an exemption from the parcel tax by submitting an application therefore, by June 15 of any year, to the District.

Persons who are currently exempted from the District's expiring Measure TT parcel tax shall automatically be exempt from this measure without having to file a new application.

The District may establish and maintain procedures to periodically verify the continuance of any previously granted exemption.

With respect to all general property tax matters within its jurisdiction, the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector or other appropriate county tax officials, shall make all final determinations of tax exemption or relief for any reason, and that decision shall be final and binding. With respect to matters specific to the levy of the education parcel tax, including any exemptions and the classification of property for purposes of calculating the tax, the decisions of the District shall be final and binding.

#### **REDUCTION IN TAX IF RESULT IS LESS OTHER GOVERNMENT SUPPORT**

The collection of the education parcel tax is not intended to decrease or offset any increase in local, state or federal government revenue sources that would otherwise be available to the Little Lake City School District during the period of the education parcel tax. In the event that the levy and collection does have such an effect, the Little Lake City School District shall cease the levy or shall reduce the education parcel tax to the extent that such action would restore the amount of the decrease or offset in other revenues.

#### **ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES**

In accordance with the requirements of California Government Code Sections 50075.1 and 50075.3, the following accountability measures, among others, shall apply to the education parcel tax levied in accordance with this measure: (a) the specific purposes of the education parcel tax shall be those purposes identified above; (b) the proceeds of the education parcel tax shall be applied only to those specific purposes identified above; (c) a separate, special account shall be created into which the proceeds of the education parcel tax must be deposited; and (d) an annual written report shall be made to the Board of Education of the District showing (i) the amount of funds collected and expended from the proceeds of the education parcel tax and (ii) the status of any projects or programs required or authorized to be funded from the proceeds of the education parcel tax, as identified above.

**\*End of Full Ballot Text of Measure\***

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